

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of : **Confirmation No. 3169**
Masuo OBINATA et al. : Attorney Docket No. 2005_1515A
Serial No. 10/550,436 : Group Art Unit 1632
Filed September 23, 2005 : Examiner: Anoop Kumar Singh

INDUCTION OF DIFFERENTIATION OF
STEM CELLS, AND CONTROL
OF DIFFERENTIATION POTENCY
OF STEM CELLS : **Mail Stop: AMENDMENT**

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION/SPECIES ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Restriction/Species Election Requirement dated September 18, 2007, the period for response having been extended for one month to November 19, 2007 (as November 18th is a Sunday) by the attached petition, Applicants hereby elect the invention identified as Group IV, claims 13-28.

Applicants further elect a combination of BMP-2 and OSM as a single species of "a combination to two or more cytokines" in claim 13. It is respectfully submitted that at least claims 13-28 are readable on the elected species.

Upon allowance of the elected claims, the Examiner is requested to consider the possibility of rejoinder per M.P.E.P. § 821.04.

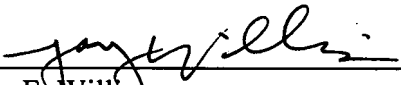
Also, in accordance with US practice, please examine additional species upon a determination of allowability of the elected species.

THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED
TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE
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Favorable action on the merits is now requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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